



**Fulton County Sportsmen's League**  
**2014 Spring Newsletter**

The opening day of trout season will be on **March 29<sup>th</sup>** for Franklin County and **April 12<sup>th</sup>** for Fulton County. Make sure you check your Pa. Fishing Summary for the opening date of your favorite trout stream. The state trout to be stocked this year are going to be the same as previous years. There are a few changes to regulations this year so read the summary carefully. There have been changes to the penalties for fishing violations.

Good water flow and quality at the trout nursery, except for the summer, has produced outstanding quality trout. This year we should have some very nice one-year-old trout to stock that average around 12 inches. Approximately 14000 one-year-old trout will be stocked in Fulton County streams by the Sportsmen's League. There are also approximately 500 two-year old trout to be stocked this year. Harold Lynch, our nursery manager and Norm Mellott, our nursery caretaker have done outstanding jobs of taking care of the trout nursery in order to provide quality trout for the streams of Fulton County.

The Fulton County Sportsmen's League will not be responsible to loss or damage to deer stands left on the farm property.

The Club purchased and released rabbits at the farm this year. The raising and release of pheasants and quails on the club farm was discussed at the November meeting. Any club member interested in taking on this project should contact the president or a board member.

The need for action to keep more game such as deer on the farm was discussed at various meetings. The hunting practice of using a gang to drive for deer was also discussed. Many members in attendance at these monthly meetings thought that driving for deer forced a lot of game from the farm property. A motion to prohibit driving for deer was discussed and approved. Starting on January 1, 2014 the practice of driving for deer will be prohibited on the Sportsmen's Farm. Hunting with a gang as discussed in the Pa. Game Commission Regulations will be prohibited. Members that hunt the farm are requested to monitor gang hunting and report if the change improves the quality and quantity of deer on the farm.

**Dues 2014**

Starting on January 1, 2014 annual **adult dues** for the Fulton County Sportsmen's League will increase to **\$20.00 per year**. Youth annual membership dues will remain at \$5.00. The \$5.00 initiation fee for new memberships will be discontinued. Dues may be paid for one year only. No multiyear memberships are available.

## Bylaw Change

### The following changes were adopted during the December 2012 meeting and remain in effect for 2014.

Adult membership dues will increase to \$20.00 per year starting on January 1, 2014. Youth membership will be \$5.00 per year. The \$5.00 initiation fee for new members will be discontinued.

New members will automatically be accepted upon payment of their dues.

Any member convicted of a fish or game violation will **permanently** lose their membership in the Fulton County Sportsmen's League.

### Fishing rodeo and open house Concerns.

Please obey all club and Pennsylvania Fish Commission regulations for the special area designated for children age 12 and younger only. Fishing regulations are posted when you register your children. Club members will be monitoring this special regulation area along with Fish Commission officers. Persons violating the rules will be subject to receiving fishing violation fines from the Fish Commission. This section of stream is for children only, not adults. As an adult you are permitted to cast the line for a young child, but the child must be holding the fishing pole, in possession of the fishing pole, set the hook themselves, and land the fish themselves. You may assist taking the fish off of the hook. Please be careful to observe these rules or you could be subjected to a fine.

**Registration of children for the rodeo will start at 10:00am, fishing will start at 12:00pm, and the raffle drawing will be at 3:00pm.**

I want to thank everyone who helped keep the nursery functioning properly. We can always use help at the nursery. If you can help, call Harold.

When we have cleanup day for the rodeo please bring your weed eaters to trim grass.

Help is needed for all club events, please volunteer. We also need help at the nursery during the summertime. When the water level gets low we need volunteers to clean the screens on the fish bins daily. Screens must be cleaned daily in order for water to properly flow through the raceways. Anyone who wants to help clean the screens and work on trout nursery projects please call Harold Lynch so he can get your name and phone number. Harold will compile a list of volunteers. It takes a lot of help, more than most people realize. In order to insure that we have trout for the following year your help and support is needed.

### Projects

Repair work on the water inlets to the raceways is completed. Additional stream bank restoration work was completed between the fish bins. Restoration work on the lower section of Esther Run is being planned. The replacement of the iron fish bin grates with a lighter weight material is being planned. We will be applying for a grant from the Pa. Fish Commission to help cover some of the cost. The Fulton County Sportsmen League sponsored and taught a fly tying class at Buchanan Trail Outfitters in McConnellsburg during the months of January and February.

Dave Lippert is designing a special 75th anniversary trout badge for this year.

Anyone interested in operating and chairing the food trailer committee please contact a board member or the club president.

On March 17, 1978, Don McQuade spoke to the Fulton County Sportsmenø about naming a Sportsman of the Year. According to the minutes, 1978 was the first year for the award. Following is a list of individuals that have been named as a Sportsman of the Year.

The Fulton County Sportsmenø of the Year

1978	Harry Elvey	1996	C R Kirk
1979	Reed Lynch	1997	----no record (Contact if you know)
1980	Dave Gregory	1998	----no record (Contact if you know)
1981	Carl Jarrett	1999	----no record (Contact if you know)
1982	Merrill Seville	2000	Charles Carbaugh, Jr.
1983	Roy Gordon	2001	Randy Crouse
1984	Nelson Harmon	2002	Tom Duffey
1985	Willard Lynch	2003	Mike Feagley
1986	Charles W. Mellott	2004	Shawn Shaffer
1987	Warren Kerlin	2005	Fred Peck
1988	John Johnson	2006	Kim Shaffer
1989	Dickey Glenn	2007	Harold Lynch
1990	Reed Richards	2008	Bill Peck
1991	William D. Peck	2009	Ed Hensen
1992	Carl Seiders	2010	Bruce Cunningham
1993	Denny Ritchey	2011	Derrick Keefer
1994	Cecil Mellott	2012	Glenn Bishop
1995	Shorty Bivens	2013	Dave Lippert

Dave Lippert was nominated as The Fulton County Sportsman of the year for 2013. Dave serves as the club president. Dave is to be commended for his work with the club, especially recruiting new members, making badges for opening day of trout season fund raiser, serving as club president, and assisting with various fund raising activities. Dave, thank you for your dedication and time.

Volunteers are needed to assist in various club activities and projects. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated. Projects include assistance with the childrenø rodeo, fund raising projects, spring and fall raffle committees, trout production presentations to school groups, assisting veterans group to experience

fishing opportunities, and clean up days at the farm and nursery. If you can help with any of the projects please contact any club officer.

Club members are to be commended for their promotion and support of all club projects and activities over the past year. Your continued support is appreciated and needed in order for us to continue proving quality hunting and fishing experiences for the community. Again thank you for all of your support.

The annual open house and Children's Fishing Rodeo will be held at the nursery on May 18th. **Registration of children for the rodeo will not start until 10:00am. Registered children will be given a ticket for prizes that will be drawn. The actual fishing during the Children's Fishing Rodeo will start at 12:00 pm and the raffle prizes will be drawn at 3:00 pm.** A variety of foods will be available during the open house. Anyone that can help with this important community event please attend the April and May meetings.

Our membership secretary reminds members that renewals or new memberships must *sign the liability waiver on the back of the membership renewal application before your membership is renewed* or application is accepted. The liability waiver must be signed in order to hunt at the farm, use the nursery facility, or participate in any club-sponsored activity. If you received an application with this mailing your dues have not been paid for 2014. **Please return sold tickets, unsold tickets, and dues to:**

**Fulton County Sportsmen's League  
P.O. Box 467  
McConnellsburg, Pa. 17233**

**If you have questions regarding your membership you should contact Danny Eichelberger.**

Please try to attend the meetings held the third Friday of each month starting at 7:00 pm in the stone house at the nursery. No meetings are held during July and August. Your attendance and assistance in club activities is needed and greatly appreciated. Monthly meeting start times have changed to 7:00pm.

#### **2014 Officers and Board Members**

**President -----Dave Lippert**

**Vice President ----Larry Zimmerman**

**Treasurer-----Mike Feagley**

**Secretary-----Charlie Carbaugh**

**Membership Secretary ---Daniel Eichelberger**

**Nursery Committee----Harold Lynch**

**Assistant Nursery Committee----Larry Zimmerman**

**Farm Committee-----Bill Peck**

**Board members elected for 2014 and 2015---Harold Lynch and Bill Peck**

**Board members elected for 2014 ----- Glenn Bishop, Norm Mellott and Charlie Carbaugh**

**Come to the nursery and share a day with family and friends on May 18<sup>th</sup> for the annual Open House and Children's Fishing Rodeo. Food stands will be open.**

Thank you,  
Charlie Carbaugh, Jr

The Fulton County Sportsmen's League would like to thank the sponsors, club members, and the community for their support during the fall fund raiser.

**WINNERS FOR THE FALL 2013 RAFFLE WERE:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** – Savage Model 111, 7mm-08 & Nikon Scope, **Chris Smitt**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – Henry .22LR Golden Boy Lever Action, **Larry D. Laing**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** – Rem Model 870 Shotgun 12 Ga Turkey, **Leah Seville**

**4<sup>th</sup> Place** - \$300 **R.A. Watkins**

**5<sup>th</sup> Place** – Dolmar 16ö Chainsaw, **Bob Clemens**

**6<sup>th</sup> Place** – \$200 Gift Certificate to Keystone Country Store, **Riley Shafer**

**7<sup>th</sup> Place** – Redfield Rangefinder, **Linda L. Mellott**

**8<sup>th</sup> Place** – \$150 **Jim Gracey**

**9<sup>th</sup> Place** – Fly Rod and Reel Combo, **Dan F. Hockenberry**

**10<sup>th</sup> Place** - \$100 Gift Certificate Buchanan Trail Sporters, **Jimmy Barnhart**

**11<sup>th</sup> Place** – Alpen Optics 60% Discount Coupon, **Mike Martinisko**

**12<sup>th</sup> Place** – Spinning Rod Combo, **Daniel Jenakovich**

**Fish for free days are Memorial Day, May 26<sup>th</sup> and Independence Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>.**

